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China H-Blast Hearing Set By Congress

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The Senate-House Atomic Energy Committee has asked the Central Intelligence Agency and other interested agencies to report next week on the capabilities of the hydrogen bomb tested recently in China.

Richard M. Helms, CIA director, is tentatively scheduled to testify next Thursday at a closed session of the committee. Spokesman for the Pentagon and the Atomic Energy Commission also have been asked to appear.

The session could have important policy implications. Some members of the joint committee are using the Chinese test as an argument for going ahead with a U.S. anti-ballistic missile system.

The Senate-House committee has, on some occasions, been a major advocate of new weapons systems.